A Praier

very Comfortable and necessary to be vsed of all Christians

euery Morning and Euening, amongst their Families, that it would please the Lord God to be appeased in his wrath, and to withdraw his heauy hand and grecuous visitation from among vs.

O Almighty, Omnipotent, and eternall God, most iust, and yet most mercifull Father in Christ Iesus. We most wretched and miserable sinners, acknowledge, that in regard of our manifolde sinnes, it is no maruaile that wee bee afflicted with sundrie kindes of miseries, griefes, and extraordinarie visitations. If we should goe about to reckon vp our perteculer sinnes, we know not wher to begin, or how to make an end, they are more in number then the haires of our heads, they are farre more then we can possible sele or know: For whoe knoweth the heigth or depth of his corruptions? Whoe knoweth how oft he offendeth? We acknowledge (O Lorde) that our sinnes haue grecuously prouoked thee, not onelie to take vengeance of our bodies and goodes, but euen also to seperate both our bodies and Soules from thee to euerlasting destruction of both. It is no maruaile therefore (nay it were to be maruailed at) in respect of our monsterous sinnes, that thou shouldst not speake vnto vs by thy strange Iudgements: that thou shouldst not visit vs with stormes and tempestes: that thou shouldst not strike vs with thunder and lightning: the earth also to quake and shake vnder vs, and out of the bellie and bowels thereof, to send forth such strong exhalations & breathings, as may so infect ye ayre, as shal breed amongst vs ye murren & pestilence. And not without iust cause, for we haue abused all thy good guiftes, and ouerburthened the Earth with our sinnes and transgressions. The very waters, the ayre and all the creatures are infected and corrupted with our vncleanesse, wherein we wallow like Swine in the myre, neuer entring into consideration, either of thy mercies, or our owne miseries. And therefore it is thy iudgement, that all thinges should be armed by thee against vs. And although we like rebellious Traytors, yeild no obedience vnto thee, yet are they ready to doe thy will in punishing vs: O Lord, if we did but looke a little backe, to behold thy late loue and abundant mercy bestowed vpon vs (the people of England) yea euen when to the eyes of the World we were bereft of all helpe or hope of helpe (our Consciences accusing vs) expecting nothing but wrack both of our soul, body & goods. O Lord, we cannot but acknowledge thy exceeding great mercie, that in stead of warre, thou hast sent vs peace: in stead of scarsity, plenty: in stead of Popery, thy Gospell still established amongst vs, to our euerlasting comfort: and in stead of all curses which we haue iustly deserued, thou sendest all blessings which we haue not deserued. All which mercies considered, might long since haue moued vs to a greater measure of thankfulnesse and obedience, then we haue any way performed vnto thee: For like the dog to his vomit, and the swine to the myre, doe we from fulnesse, returne to filthinesse: from fasting, to feasting: from blessing, to cursing: and from all religious exercises, to all irreligious practises. So that we can iustly expect nothing but fearfull Iudgments to be powred downe vpon vs. Wherefore we beseech thee (O Lorde) that yet at last we may fall down vnder thy hand, and profit by thy chastisements: that we may tremble before thee when thou doest roare, and submit our selues, when thou sendest out thine armies against vs.

O Lorde teach vs that wee may denie the worlde, and considering that all is but vanitie, our desires may bee drawne vp to that life and happines which is for euer. Wee humbly beseech thee, in the middest of thy wrath, to bee mindefull of thy mercy, make thine anger to cease, and powre out thy iudgements vpon the wicked. Cleare vs from the contagion of sinne, and we shall be cleered from the infection of the pestilence, so that it shall not hurt vs. But this (good Father) belongeth vnto thee, and thou must doe both the one and the other. Thou canst deliuer our spirits from the venome of that dragon the deuill. And also thou canst kéepe our bodyes in safetie from the other infection wherwith that Basiliske the plague doth infect vs. Our helpe (O Lord) is onely in thee, other men of the world (who haue their pleasure altogether in the vaine things of this life) thinke to escape by such meanes as flesh and blood do prescribe vnto them, and therefore all their hope is in the preseruatiues of Phisicians, in shifting of places, in Magicall cunning, and such other vnlawfull witcheries: but contrarywise, wee (howsoeuer wee vse the remedyes that are fitte and conuenient, to shew our obedience vnto thee) yet flee wee vnto thee alone, and knowe that thy good blessing can onely make the meanes profitable vnto vs. Thy hand we knowe cannot be auoyded, for if thou wilt reach vs, thou canst finde vs out whersoeuer wee be. There is no safety but in thy presence. Be at hand therefore O Lord to helpe vs. Take away (O Lord) the filthy infections of sinne, which cleaueth as an infection vppon the whole face of this land, and dam vp the pestiferous pits of corruption, that haue ascended vp, euen vp to heauen: and turne vs, O Lorde, vnto thee, and we shall be turned, and when we shall be turned vnto thee, thy wrath shall cease. If we shall humble our selues, and meete thee with true faith, and vnfained repentance, with hartye teares, and true fasting in Sack-cloath and Ashes, then thou shalt call in again thy messengers, and shew mercy vpon vs. If wee shall feare thy iudgements, and loue thy commandements, detest sinne, and fight against the corruption of our hearts: if wee shall aduance righteousnesse, and preferre obedience before our liues, then shalt thou purifie both our soules and bodies, and prepare vs to that euerlasting kingdome and glory, which thou hast purchased for vs, by the blood of Iesus Christ, thine onely begotten Sonne, our Lord and Sauiour, Amen.

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